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City of Santa Clara to Dedicate New Solar System at Valley Village, Officially Launch Green Power Challenge

WHAT: Dedication of a solar electric system at Valley Village Retirement Community and the City of Santa Clara's official launch of its Green Power Challenge –10 percent participation in ***Santa Clara Green Power*** by year's end. The nearly eight kilowatt project—enough to power three homes—represents the second solar installment under the auspices of the Neighborhood Solar Program (NSP), sponsored by Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the City of Santa Clara's municipal electric utility, and all NSP's customer members. Haman Elementary School's 4.9 kilowatt system in 2004 was NSP's first project.

With voluntary donations of as little as \$5 month, SVP residential customers help place solar electricity systems at non-profit facilities in Santa Clara through the NSP. Contributions from both residential and corporate customers, including Intel, Yahoo!, California Paperboard and Equinix, funded \$40,000 of the Valley Village project matched by another \$40,000 from SVP's Public Benefits Program.

REgrid Power, a San Jose-based renewable energy design, installation and services company, has been chosen to develop and install the Valley Village photovoltaic solar electric system.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24, at 12:30 p.m.

WHO:

- Mayor Patricia M. Mahan, City of Santa Clara
- Patricia Martinez, Valley Village Administrator
- Tom McCalmont, REgrid Power, CEO
- Scot Vallee, Westfield Valley Fair, Regional Development Manager

WHERE: Valley Village Retirement Community
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